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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: AEGEAN DISPUTE

FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM HABIB

REF: SECTO 26031

SITUATION IN AEGEAN IS HEATING UP BY VIRTUE OF CURRENT
COURSE BEING SAILED BY SISMIK IN MOST SENSITIVE AREAS
CLEARLY ACROSS MEDIAN LINE AND IN SIGHT OF GREEK MAIN-
LAND. KUBISCH HAS BEEN SENDING IN REAL WORRIGRAMS.
MACOMBER, WHO CARRIED OUT MUCH HARDER APPROACH TO TURKS
AT SECRETARY'S DIRECTION SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT I CALL
ESENBEL IN TO SUPPORT HIS DEMARCHE. EUR STRONGLY RECOM-
MENDED WE DO SO. I SPOKE TO SECRETARY ABOUT THIS THE MORN-
ING OF HIS DEPARTURE AND HE AGREED WITH THE CAVEAT THAT
WE NOT PUSH TOO HARD. YOU CAN ASSURE HIM I WAS MUCH MORE
GENTLE AND CHARMING THAN THE MEMCON I SENT YOU IN WHICH
THE DRAFTER ONLY REPORTED THE IMPERATIVES. ESENBEL EVEN
SEEMED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE BASIC PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH

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I SURMISE HE WAS ALSO BEING CHARMING; WE WILL NOW LEAVE

THE TURKS ALONE, BUT THE SITUATION IN THE AEGEAN IS NOT
GOOD. THE LAST VOYAGE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25

AND WILL BE HAIRIER IF THE ORIGINALLY PLOTTED COURSE IS
FOLLOWED. HOPEFULLY WHAT WE SAID AND GREEK REACTION WILL
HELP TO PERSUADE TURKS TO LIMIT ITS EXTENT. ROBINSON

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